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DEVICE AND LASER APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-16 and 18-22, the period for responding being extended by two (2) months, through April 14, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.